taneously, use of computer software is also being made to detect availment of wrong credits or double credits. Besides, interaction with the assessees including seminars and open house discussions are being organized with a view to educating them about the requirements under the law.

Setting up of an insurance regulatory Authority

88. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 30 member U.S. delegation has asked India to open up its insurance sector to the global expansion of the business, if so, what are its ramifications;

(b) what are the reactions of the Ministry in the light of Malhotra Committee recommendation on such a proposal;

(c) what extra benefits are anticipated therefrom; and

(d) whether Government are considering a proposal for establishing an Insurance Regulatory Authority, if so, what would be its functions and how far it would benefit our Insurance Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Trade Mission consisting of U.S. insurance companies which visited India from 28th January to 4th February, 1995 under the auspices of the International Insurance Council (IIC), Washington, USA, did not hold any discussion with the officials of the Indian Government.

(b) to (d) The Government is yet to take a view on the recommendations made by the Malhotra Committee regarding the entry of private sector into the insurance industry and establishment of an Insurance Regulatory Authority.

Excise duty evasion cases against Hindustan Lever

89. MAULANA OBAIDULLA KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the excise duty evasion cas detected against Hindustan Le during the last three years and th year;

(b) the action taken in each cas and

(c) the details of responsiblit fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a to (c) Upto date information is nc readily available. The same is bein collected and will be laid on th table of the House.

Staff training Institute for AIR and Doordarshan

90. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of INFORMATIO AND BROADCASTING be pleased t state:

(a) whether Government had proposal to set up a staff trainin institute for All India Radio an Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to set u the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AN BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A site measuring about 1(acres has been taken over and civi works have commenced thereon

Upgradation of Keonjhargarh relay Station

91. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of INFORMATIO AND BROADCASTING be pleased t state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to upgrade the All India Radio relay station at Keonjhargarh in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) All India Radio station at Keonjhargarh is a full-fledged station with 1 KW MW transmitter and multipurpose studios, having programme generation, playback and receiving facilities. There is no proposal at present to further upgrade the station.

Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes

92. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI O. P. KOHIL:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Ram Ram" has been the standard greetings in several Radio and Doordarshan programmes; if so, the nomenclature of such programmes, and since when this greeting has been in vogue;

(b) whether AIR and Doordarshan have now sought to change this form of greeting, if so, from which date and the reasons for the change;

(c) what other forms of Indian greetings/cultural expressions are proposed to be discarded by AIR and Doordarshan and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Doordarshan has also similarly stopped showing 'Satyamev Jayate";

(e) the steps taken to withdraw the orders;

(f) whether Doordarshan has started sponsoring National Song; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to retract the step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No change in the status quo is contemplated by All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise

Privatisation of Doordarshan and Akashvani

93. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the privatisation of the Doordarshan and the Akashwani;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.